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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Advisory Action of November 9, 2006, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks, filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Discussion of the Amendment** begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.